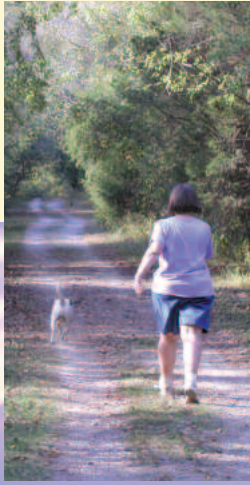
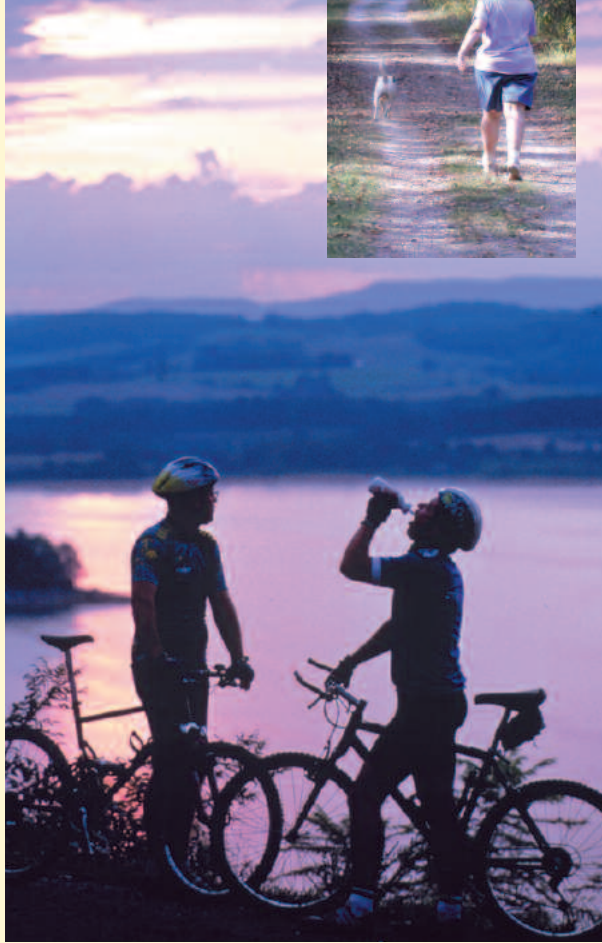


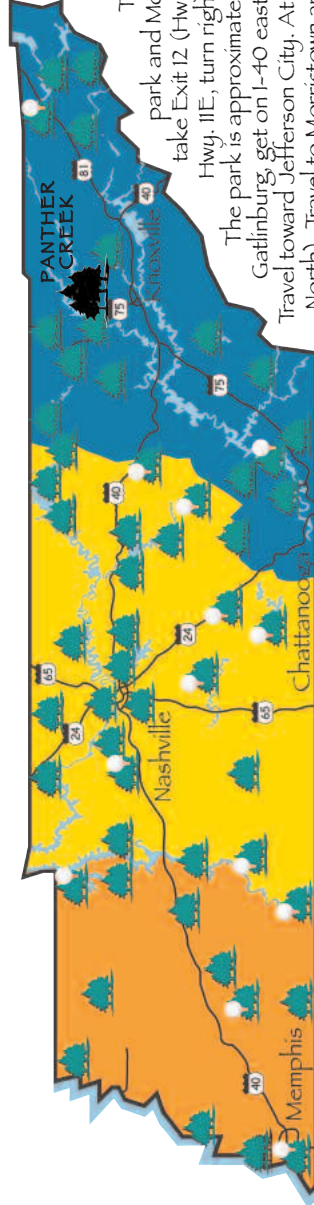
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- Davy Crockett Tavern, Morristown, TN, 8 miles.



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Hours of Operation:

Year-round: 6:00 a.m. until Sunset

For Further Information, Contact:

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Office (423) 587-7046

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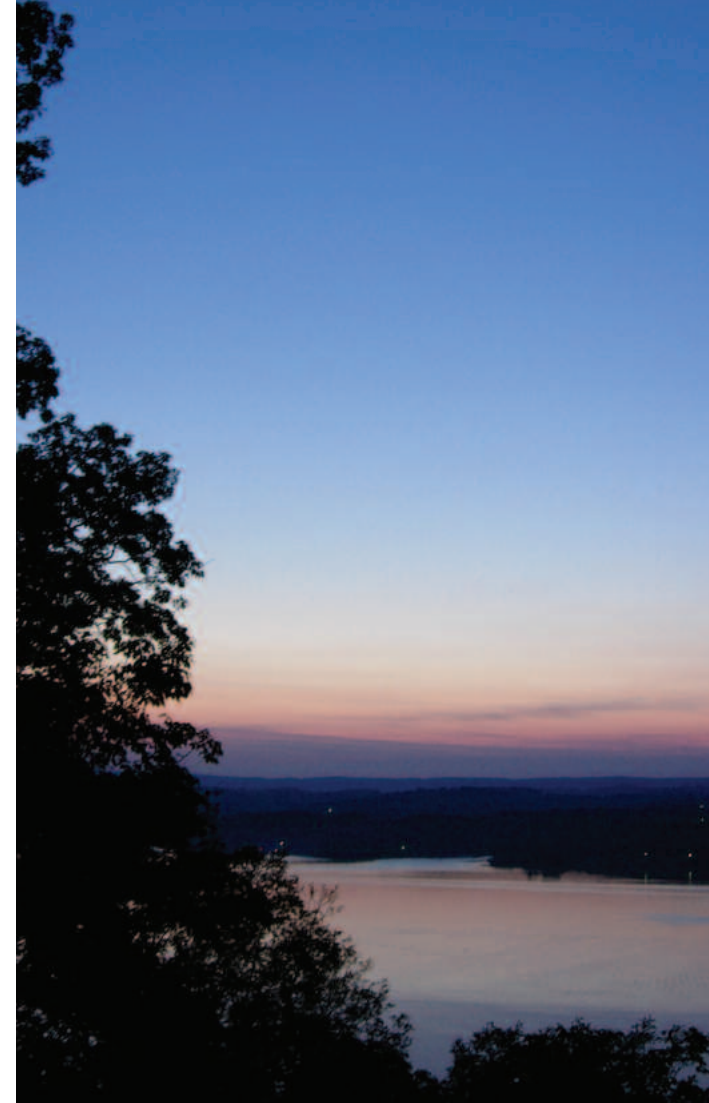
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TENNESSEE STATE PARKS PANTHER CREEK STATE PARK





Panther Creek State Park

covers approximately 1,435 acres and is located on the shores of Cherokee Lake. The park offers a variety of recreational opportunities including camping, fishing, boating, picnicking, swimming, hiking, biking, and horse-back riding.

Historical significance

The park is located in the Hamblen County community of Panther Springs, one of the oldest settlements in the county. Pioneers from North Carolina and the older Watauga Settlement in East Tennessee arrived in this area around 1785. Panther Springs, at one time, was the first stop on the stagecoach route out of Knoxville on the way to Abingdon, VA. Prior to this time, the Cherokee Indians were the most prominent Native American tribe in the area. The Cherokee hunted deer, bear, and elk to supply food and clothing for the tribe.

Camping

Panther Creek has 50 campsites complete with water, electrical hookups, grills, picnic tables, fire rings, and a bathhouse facility. Laundromat facility and dump stations are also available. The campground and facilities are open year round. Campsites are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Maximum stay is two weeks.

Gift Shop

Visitors can pick up t-shirts at the park office. All proceeds from the gift shop go to Friends of Panther Creek State Park.



Fishing

Cherokee Lake provides year-round catches of bass, crappie, bluegill, catfish and bream.

Hiking

Panther Creek boasts over 10 miles of world-class trails ranging from moderate to difficult. Visitors are encouraged to Leave No Trace when using our trails. Hikers can enjoy a magnificent view of Cherokee Lake and the Cumberland Mountains from the point lookout trail, reaching 1,460 feet above sea level.

Planned Programs

A seasonal interpretive ranger programs activities during the summer. Programs range from nature hikes, environmental education activities, canoeing, and recreational activities.

Picnic Pavilions and Playgrounds

Two picnic pavilions may be reserved up to one year in advance. The Smallman Shelter seats approximately 90 people and overlooks beautiful Cherokee Lake. The Spooner Shelter seats approximately 140 people and is located near the playground and swimming pool.

Boating

Cherokee Lake is a beautiful lake for boating. The park provides a boat ramp for visitors to launch from mid-April to late September.

Swimming

The swimming pool opens Memorial Day weekend and closes mid-August. Lifeguards are on duty during pool hours.

Horse Trails

Panther Creek offers over 10 miles of scenic horse trails for the equestrian riders. A horse trailer parking area is located just past the boat ramp. All riders must have proof of Coggins papers on them at all times.

Bike Trails

Panther Creek offers over 10 miles of mountain biking trails ranging from easy to difficult. The Trout Lily Trail is a jewel among mountain bikers. It is a 2.0-mile loop developed by the Appalachian Mountain Bike Club for experienced riders.

